

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended so that it corresponds in scope to pre-amendment Claim 6, which was held to pertain to allowable subject matter. Accordingly, amended Claim 1 should be allowable.

Claim 2 has been amended to put it in independent form, overcoming the objection thereto and rendering it allowable.

Claims 3 and 4 have been amended so that they depend from allowable amended Claim 2, so they should be allowable.

Claims 5 and 6 have been cancelled, their limitations having been incorporated into amended Claim 1.

Claim 7 has been amended so that it corresponds in scope to original Claim 12, which has held to pertain to allowable subject matter. Accordingly, amended Claim 7 should be allowable.

Claim 8 has been amended to put it in independent form. Since original Claim 8 was held to pertain to allowable subject matter, amended Claim 8 should be allowable.

Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to depend from allowable Claim 8, and thus should both be allowable.

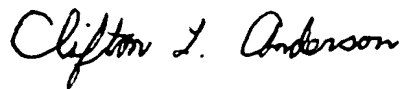
Claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled, their limitations having been included in amended Claim 7.

Claim 13 is new and relates to a scanning device with skew compensation. Claim 13 calls for removing skew from a digital image as opposed to Ui which calls for adding skew to a digital image to match skew in recording media.

CONCLUSION

The original claims have been amended or cancelled to overcome all rejections and objections thereto. New Claim 13 has been added to more specifically define a particular aspect of the invention. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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